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## **Federal Do-Not-Call List Registration Available on Friday** *Consumers are encouraged to sign up to ban nuisance phone calls*

**LANSING** — Consumer protection from unwanted and unsolicited phone calls will increase with the opening of the national “do-not-call” list on Friday, June 27, Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, said today.

“Residents in my district have been seeking help from the constant phone calls that invade the private time they have with their families,” Garcia said. “The “do-not-call” list enables consumers to fight back and sign up to receive protection for calls made throughout the nation, not just in Michigan.”

Consumers may link to the “do-not-call” registration site tomorrow morning by visiting the Senate Republican website, located at [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/). Registration from consumer home telephones begins on July 7. Enrollment is free.

“I would like to thank Congressman Mike Rogers for his great efforts in protecting Michigan citizens from these unwanted phone calls,” Garcia said. “His work on behalf of consumers should be commended.”

The Michigan Legislature took action in 2002 to restrict telemarketers and create a “do-not-call” list. At that time, lawmakers recognized that a federal list would be more effective in protection consumers from unwanted calls, versus requiring consumers to register at the state and national level.

Sen. Garcia also cautioned consumers from being the targets of any scams targeting the federal “do-not-call” registry.

“Consumers should note that registration for the federal “do-not-call” list is only available through the Federal Trade Commission and is free of charge,” Garcia said. “Private companies seeking information for the registration should be regarded as fraudulent and reported to the proper authorities.”

For more information on how to register for the “do-not-call” list or how to avoid a “do-not-call” scam, please contact Sen. Garcia’s office at (517) 373-2420.